

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

AND/OR COMMON

PROVINCETOWN MAIN POST OFFICE

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

217 COMMERCIAL STREET

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

PROVINCETOWN

VICINITY OF  
CODE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS 02657

1050

COUNTY

BARNSTABLE

CODE

001

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

NEW ENGLAND FIELD REAL ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OFFICE

STREET & NUMBER

1050 WALTHAM STREET

CITY, TOWN

LEXINGTON,

VICINITY OF

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS 02173

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

STREET & NUMBER

BARNSTABLE COUNTY COMPLEX - ROUTE 6A

CITY, TOWN

BARNSTABLE

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS 02630

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on the south side of Commercial Street, the narrow, meandering main business and commercial byway of this Cape Cod community, the Provincetown Post Office, bordering Cape Cod Bay with its rear property line, is the prime stabilizing element in the neighborhood. Originally the residential area of late eighteenth and nineteenth century Provincetown, the closely built, one and two story wooden structures house every imaginable enterprise one might find in a close-knit summer resort and tourist area. Scattered among these colonial buildings are several Second Empire, Italianate and Victorian homes on the north side of Commercial Street.

The site is small, with driveways filling each side yard of the building. The rear of the lot is entirely paved for postal and patron parking. Small grassed plots, fronting each wing flanking the central core, are planted with mid-height evergreens.

The Post Office is a striking two-story central core, Georgian style building with flanking one story wings. Generally "T" shaped, some 90 feet wide by 80 feet deep, the building contains 5,980 square feet of space on the first floor and 3,120 square feet of office space on the deep second floor core. The construction consists of concrete foundations on spread footings and caissons, a basement only at the rear section of the central core, masonry bearing walls, reinforced concrete floor slabs and steel and wood roof framing.

Four broad, granite steps lead to the slightly projected three bay loggia, slightly recessed from the front facades of the flanking wings. Limestone belts span the brick piers at the springline of each arch. Large, multi-paned wood, double hung windows, rectangular in shape, flank the central pavilion on the inner loggia wall, which features the traditional, lead patterned fanlight transom over the entrance doors. A separate door in the right wall of the loggia leads to the enclosed, interior stair servicing the second floor offices. The original colonial lantern, suspended from the loggia ceiling, graces the central arch and pavilion. The large second floor windows, centered over the entrance arches and similar to those at the entrance, are capped with flat brick arches centered with limestone keystones. The same detailed fenestration is featured on each upper side facade of the central core, over the roofs of the one story wings.

The facades of the buildings are faced with a full range of warm red brick, laid in common bond, differing from the more usual English or Flemish bonds normally associated with the Georgian style. The foundation, also brick faced, is separated from the wall mass by a limestone watertable and belt course that girdles the building at the floor line.

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Each one story wing, flanking the deep, ornately carved, two story core, features two monumental, segmented arched windows, equally spaced on the front and rear facades, and four similar windows, again equally spaced, grace the end elevations of the flanking wings. The wide, traditional brick quoins of this period style provide simplistic ornamentation on each exterior corner. The facades of each wing are capped by limestone cornices, ornamented with rugged modillions and supporting the brick parapet. The blind limestone feature panels in the parapet are centered over the fenestration of the front and rear of the wings. On the side facades however, they are placed over the brick piers that separate the fenestration.

The deep, two story central core is capped with a superbly detailed gable roof facing the street in pediment motif, with the sturdy, cut modillions bracketing the limestone cornice that creates a brick tympanum, punctuated with a circular window. The sloping roofs facing the side elevations, supported by the familiar limestone modillioned cornice, are enhanced by six half-round dormers, deeper than the typical 'eyebrow' windows, that allow natural lighting to penetrate the attic space. Surmounting the high roof and centered on the lobby space is a nicely detailed, colonial windowed cupola, acting as a visual 'beacon', identifying this landmark from the remote parts of Commercial Street.

The lobby is exceptional. Ten foot high, gray marble wainscoting surrounds the terrazzo flooring of the lobby. A highly articulated wood, classical enframing, with semi-connected columns supporting a broken pediment, graces the vestibule's entrance and contains the leaded fanlight transom that mirrors the main, exterior entrance. The arched motif of the front facade is reflected in the lobby, with each wall separated into three, arched segments. The center arch in each wall is prominent and all lockboxes and service window locations are surmounted by the delicate, arched fanlights. The rich detailing of the plaster soffits is repeated at the longitudinal plaster beams that separate the ceiling into the everpresent three bay theme.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	Designed 1931	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	J.A. Wetmore, Act. Sup. Arch't.
	Constructed 1932		Ratner-Stanhope Corp., Contrs.

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1932, the Provincetown Post Office possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, as well as a significant association with the Federal Government's new, activist role in attempting to stimulate the depressed economy while demonstrating power and stability. Additionally, this building exemplifies the ultimate of the high standards set by the Treasury Architects in presenting the monumentality of the Federal Presence in a small, quaint community without totally overwhelming the character of the neighborhood. It thus meets National Register criteria A and C.

Provincetown, ancient by anglo-american standards in terms of history, is actually the newcomer on the Cape when compared to the social and commercial interaction of the other towns in the area. With fishing as its sole resource and shipping as its only method of transportation, the town, incorporated in 1722, actually ceased to exist during both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, when British warships used the sheltered harbor as their port. By 1835 however, wharves had been built to accommodate the growing fishing industry, the County Road had been extended to the town's border and the population continued to expand with peoples of diversified ethnic backgrounds. Portuguese mariners became the dominant group in the community.

The Civil War brought great prosperity to Provincetown with the ever-increasing demand for salt cod to feed the Armies of the Republic. The fishing fleet expanded and a new commercial and business population became firmly entrenched in this former, fishing village. Passenger ships and mail packets from Plymouth and Boston now docked at the waterfront and, with the extension of the Old Colony Railroad in 1873, Provincetown became solidly united with the entire country. Commercial and residential construction boomed in the area and, conforming to 'yankee thrift', many homes located in the outlying, deserted fishing hamlets were floated across the bay for permanent relocation on Bradford and Commercial Streets. One such structure, moved from Long Point to town, became an early, if not the first post office in Provincetown. This building still stands as a residence at 256 Bradford Street.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Field Guide to American Architecture, Rifkind, Carole Bonanza 1980  
 History of Post Office Construction, 1900-1940, July 1982  
 Historic Provincetown, P. H. A. 1979  
 MHC Reconnaissance Survey Report, 1984

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.618 A

UTM REFERENCES

A	19	401605	4655710	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point on Commercial Street,  
 thence running: Northeasterly 134' + along Commercial Street  
 Southeasterly 141' +  
 Southwesterly 122' + along sea wall  
 Northwesterly 130' - to the point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

E. Brett Heenan, Preservation Coordinator March 21, 1986

ORGANIZATION

THE BOSTON PARTNERSHIP, INC.

STREET & NUMBER

48 INMAN STREET

TELEPHONE

(617) 492-8866

CITY OR TOWN

CAMBRIDGE,

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS 02139

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

*Valerie A. Talmage 5/1/86*

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*John L. ...*

TITLE Realty Acquisition Specialist, Principal

DATE

11-5-86

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Patrick Andrews*

DATE

10/19/87

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Beth ...*

DATE

10/19/87

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The turn of the century evidenced a decline at the waterfront, the heart of the community. Although still a prime fishing port with new, cold storage warehouses, fifty odd piers, lost in the Portland Gale of 1898 had not been replaced and tourists, arriving by both railroad and steam packets, were the beginning of a new, diversified economic base for the community. All Provincetown industry had been ancillary to the cod-fishing fleet, which was slowly moving up the coast to base in Boston, and "Tourism" and the new attraction of 'bohemian lifestyle' began to change the pattern of the community. Many fish shacks and residences on Commercial Street were converted into large-windowed restaurants and stores, catering to the new trade. Fish and salt-storage houses were rehabilitated as artists lofts and playhouses. New construction however, continued to be rare.

With the Depression of 1929, the population of Provincetown, which had been in decline since 1915, increased yearly through 1936, possibly indicating an upswing in the fishing livelihood, but probably adding additional artistic temperament to the 'bohemian' element. Construction of new buildings and major renovation projects were virtually non-existent. It was in this atmosphere that the new Post Office was considered for the now resort area of Provincetown. There was no evidence discovered, during research, as to political influence that would dictate the placement of this structure in the community, but it was unusual for a small, non-industrial area to receive governmental consideration as early as 1931. Prior to the 1930 Amendment to The Public Buildings Act, Federal awards were 'said to have been given for political favors, compensating the senators and congressmen for their favorable vote in the true, 'pork-barrel' tradition. New programs however, gave legitimate consideration to those communities demonstrating actual business needs and more spatial requirements for their existing Federal agencies. Provincetown now received its first Federal Property, save for its two lighthouses, to be located on the water's edge, half-way down Commercial Street, then the western border of the business area.

The Provincetown Post Office was designed during the tenure of Acting Supervising Architect James A. Wetmore. Treasury policy, during these years of the Depression, was the adaptation of distinctive lobby and facade treatment to standardized plans and details, quickly producing employment for the stagnant construction trades. The building mass and facade intent was designed to express the strength and ideals of the Federal Government, indicating its stability during adverse times and presenting a reassuring, tangible monument, in a style with which the local citizens felt comfortable.

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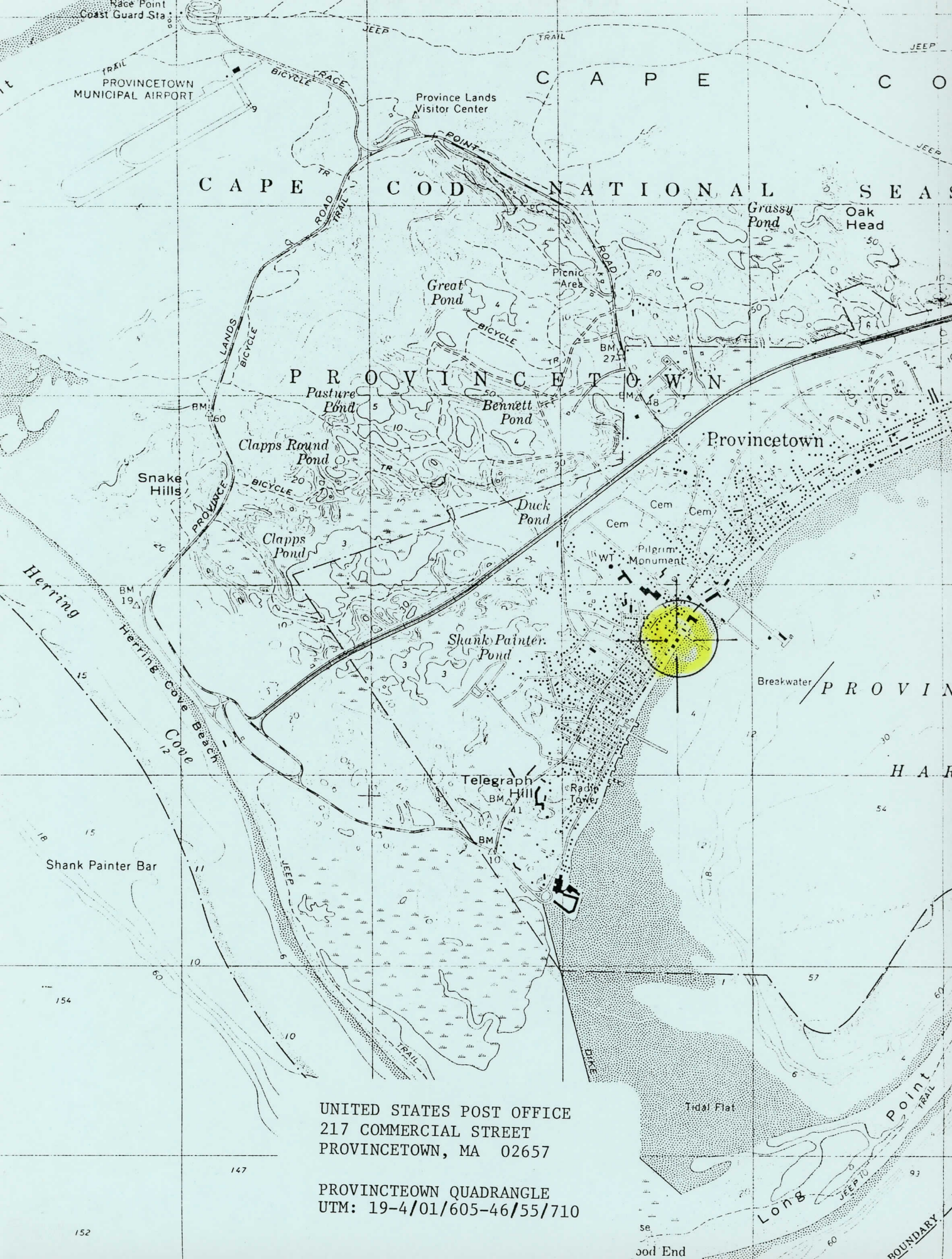
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This fine brick ediface, embodying the best principles of Georgian architecture, is beautifully designed and detailed, a tribute to the efforts of the Treasury Architects. Both bold and sensitive, this strong architecture is representative of the government's active role in stimulating the economy and expressive of the high ideals set forth by the Hoover Administration. The architectural enrichment of the facades is reflected in the central, public lobby, to be enjoyed by the patrons during the daily interaction.

Impressive in its surroundings and of considerable architectural merit, the Provincetown Post Office continues to express the resplendent power of the Federal Presence, and represents the best efforts of Fine Revival style by the Treasury Architects. This crisp and strong ediface, unaltered from its original design, is the major stabilizing element on Commercial Street and important for its contributing role to both Provincetown's environment and townscape.



Race Point  
Coast Guard Sta

PROVINCETOWN  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Province Lands  
Visitor Center

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEAS

Grassy Pond  
Oak Head

Great Pond

Picnic  
Area

PROVINCETOWN

Pasture  
Pond

Bennett  
Pond

Provincetown

Clapps Round  
Pond

Duck  
Pond

Snake  
Hills

Clapps  
Pond

Shank Painter  
Pond

Pilgrim  
Monument

Herring  
Cove  
Beach

Breakwater / PROVIN

Telegraph  
Hill

Radio  
Tower

H A R

Shank Painter Bar

Tidal Flat

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE  
217 COMMERCIAL STREET  
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657

PROVINCETOWN QUADRANGLE  
UTM: 19-4/01/605-46/55/710

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

87001772

US Post Office-Provincetown Main  
Barnstable County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. SEP 74 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89  
Date Due: 10/1/87 - 10/19/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 10-19-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Locally significant Georgian Revival  
Post office illustrative of  
local impact of Federal  
building program during the  
Depression.*

Recom./Criteria Accept A+C  
Reviewer Savage  
Discipline Architectural History  
Date 10/18/87  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category                      Ownership                      Status                      Present Use  
   Public Acquisition                      Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition                      Check one                      Check one  
 excellent                       deteriorated                       unaltered                       original site  
 good                       ruins                       altered                       moved                      date \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair                       unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

**X13. Other**

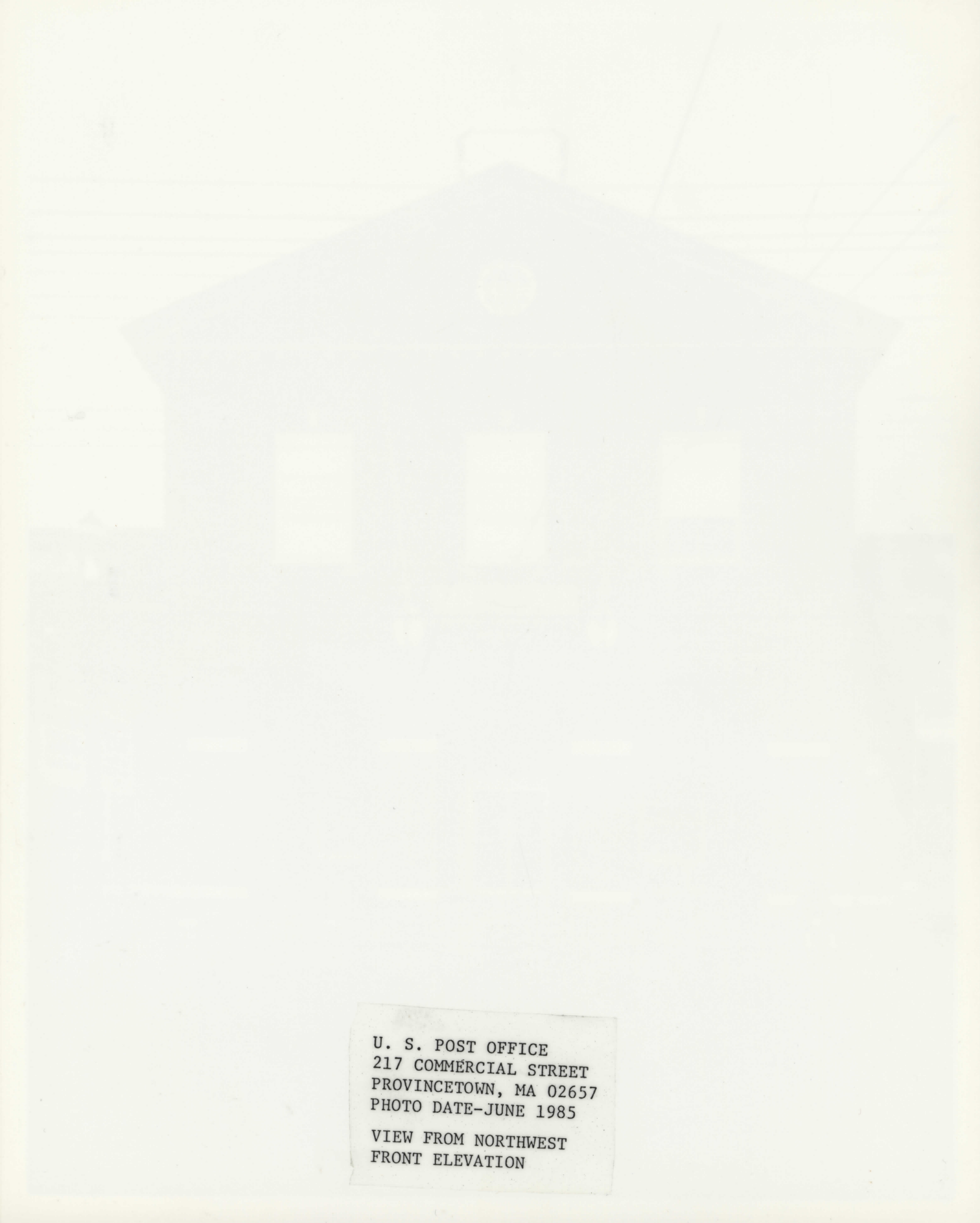
- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

*Please indicate property on full USGS map.*

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_






U. S. POST OFFICE  
217 COMMERCIAL STREET  
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657  
PHOTO DATE-JUNE 1985

VIEW FROM NORTHWEST  
FRONT ELEVATION





U. S. POST OFFICE  
217 COMMERCIAL STREET  
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657  
PHOTO DATE-JUNE 1985

LOBBY-LOOKING NORTH  
TOWARD ENTRANCE

NEGATIVES @ USPS-FREBO  
LEXINGTON, MA 02173



MAIL BOXES

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NOTICE

POST OFFICE

NOTICE

U. S. POST OFFICE  
217 COMMERCIAL STREET  
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657  
PHOTO DATE MARCH 1985

LOBBY-EAST WALL

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LEXINGTON, MA 02173

GALLERY  
**PRINTO-TEK**  
• FRAMED PRINTS  
• GRAPHICS  
• FINE ART  
• JEWELRY



TOW AWAY ZONE  
**NO  
PARKING  
EITHER  
SIDE**



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217 COMMERCIAL STREET  
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VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST  
RIGHT SIDE ELEV.

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NO PARKING  
EITHER  
SIDE

EMPORIUM  
AND THE CANDLEMAKER



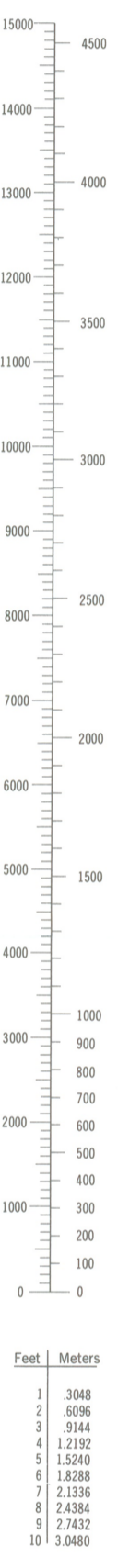
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PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657  
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VIEW FROM NORTHEAST  
LEFT SIDE ELEV.

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LEXINGTON, MA 02173

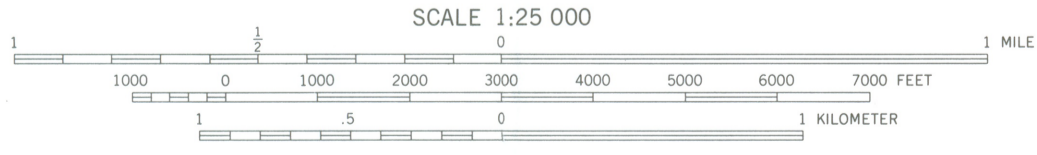
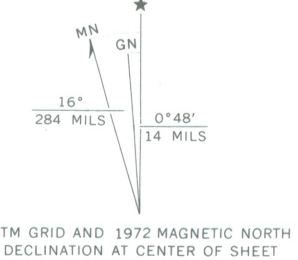


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SCALES



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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
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for navigational purposes.  
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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,  
zone 19



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
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SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9 FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface ———— Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ————  
Secondary highway, hard surface ———— Unimproved road ————  
○ Interstate Route □ U. S. Route ○ State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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JUL 30 1986



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
Facilities Service Office  
P.O. Box 324  
Lexington, MA 02173-0324

July 29, 1986

The Honorable James Jeffers  
Town Manager, Town of Provincetown  
Town Hall  
200 Commercial Street  
Provincetown, MA 02657

Dear Town Manager Jeffers:

The U.S. Postal Service in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer in Boston has evaluated the Main Post Office in Provincetown and has determined it is significant from an historical viewpoint.

In view of the above evaluation, the U.S. Postal Service intends to nominate this building to the National Register of Historic Places. We would, prior to our taking formal action, appreciate receiving your concurrence.

If you concur with our proposed action, kindly return a signed copy of this letter in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

*G. J. Kearney*  
Gregory Gilleland  
General Manager

Concur: *James Jeffers, Town Manager*  
Enclosure

Bd of S. ✓  
cc: Historical Comm. ✓

Aug 8 10 03 AM '86



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
Facilities Department  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20260-6400

November 6, 1986

Ms. Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240-1002

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Postal Service hereby submits a nomination for the post office located at 217 Commercial Street, Barnstable County, Provincetown, Massachusetts.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please contact me at (202) 268-3107.

Sincerely,

John S. Sorenson  
Realty Acquisition Specialist, Principal  
Realty Acquisition Division  
Office of Real Estate

Attachment



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
FACILITIES SERVICE CENTER  
REAL ESTATE DIVISION  
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT 06006-0330

September 1, 1987

Ms. Carol D. Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, DC 20240-1002

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Postal Service is pleased to submit nominations for the following Post Office facilities:

1. 119 Elm St., Worcester County, Millbury, MA
2. 217 Commerical St., Branstable County, Provincetown, MA
3. 37 Taunton Green, Bristol County, Taunton, MA
4. 2 Abbott St., Middlesex County, Woburn, MA
5. 58 Church St., Worcester County, Whitinsville, MA
6. 321 Main St., Middlesex County, Wakefield, MA
7. 48 Waterford Rd., Middlesex County, Winchester, MA
8. 75 Park St., Bristol County, Attleboro, MA
9. 90 Center St., Plymouth County, Middleborough, MA

Some of these nominations were submitted previously and returned in order that full quadrangle maps could be included. This has been done in all cases.

Should there be any questions concerning these nominations, please do not hesitate to call me on 203-285-7181.

Sincerely,

William S. Moncrief  
Real Estate Specialist, Principal

Enclosures

cc: John Sorenson  
Realty Acquisition Specialist, Principal  
Washington, DC

SEP 4 1987